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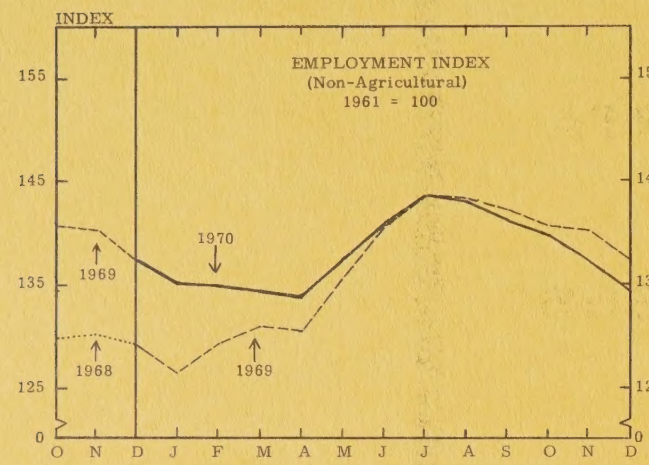
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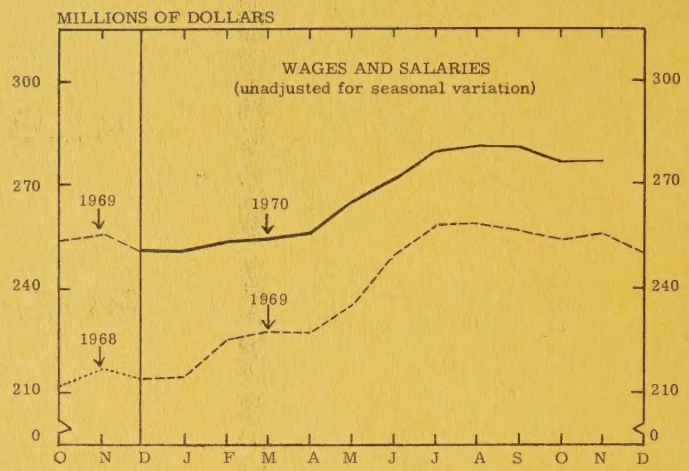
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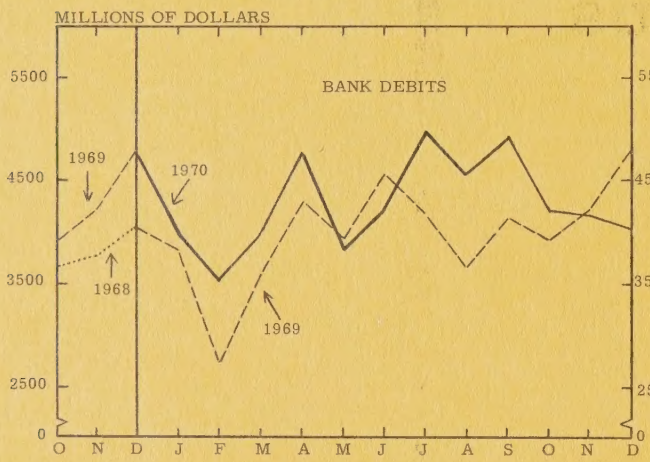
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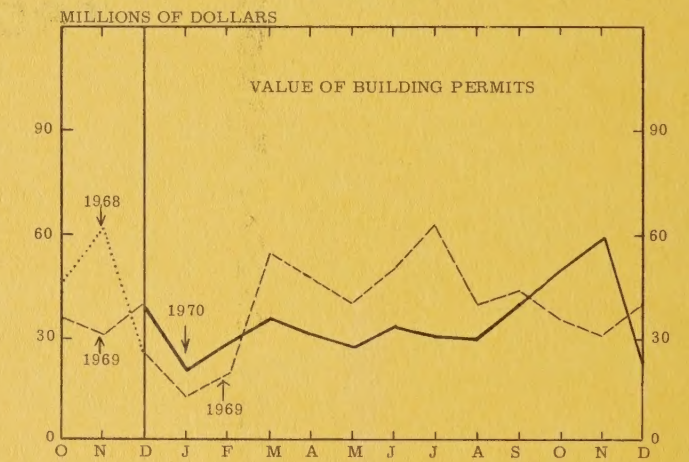
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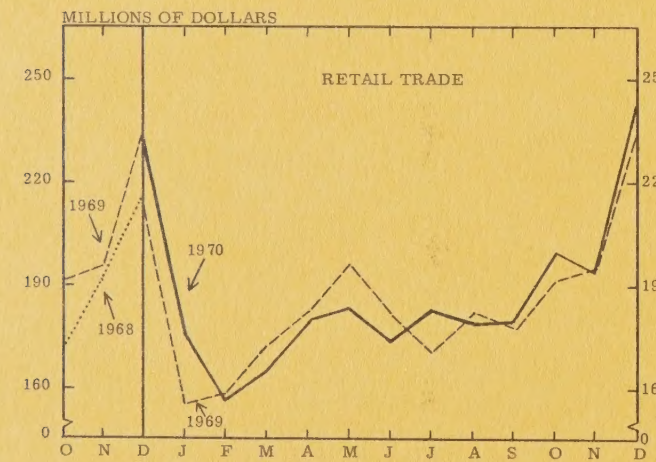
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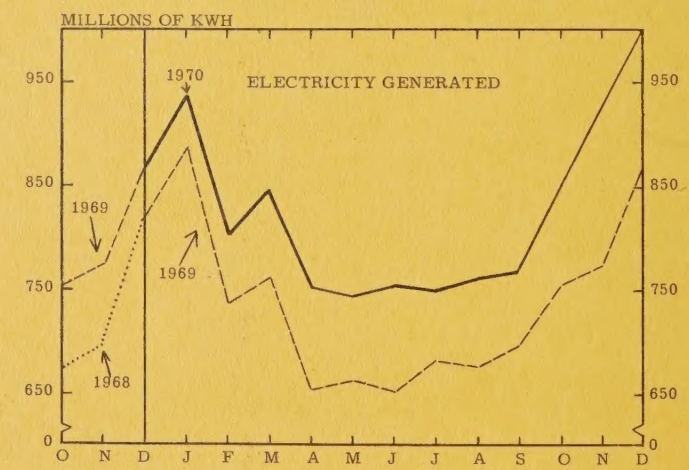
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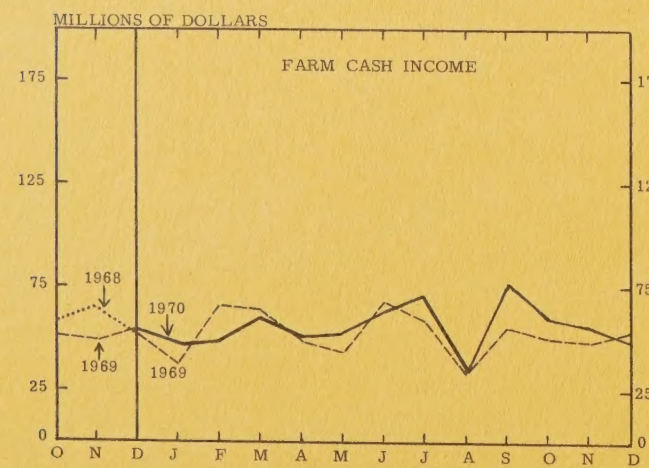
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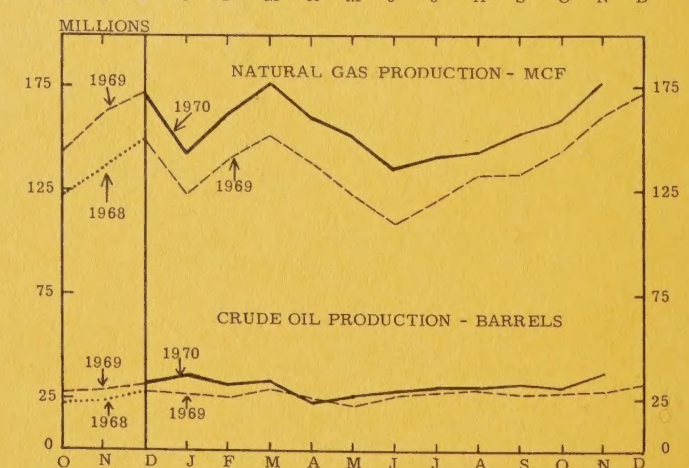
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1968
CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION - BARRELS
1969
1970
1968
1969
O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D

ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

Estimated Alberta farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in 1970 amounted to $709 million, down 3.2% from the $732 million realized in 1969. The decline in net cash receipts is due mainly to substantial repayments of cash advances on farm stored grains, and considerable reductions in Canadian Wheat Board participation payments and dairy supplementary payments.

Total cash returns to producers of livestock and products amounted to $440 million; an increase of 1.8% above 1969. Much of this increase was due to the greater value of sales of hogs. Although average hog prices were below those of the previous year, marketings were sufficiently high to result in a 10% increase in cash receipts.

Year end figures for value of coal production in Alberta show an increase of almost 100% over the previous year. Sales of crude oil, natural gas, propane and butane in the first eleven months of 1970 increased by 17%, 24%, 24%, and 14% respectively. Production of crude oil (including synthetic crude, condensate and pentanes plus) averaged 1.2 million barrels per day in November; the highest monthly production since January, 1970. Production of synthetic crude oil to the end of November, 1970 was up 18% over production in the January - November, 1969 period.

The building construction industry in the province registered a significant decline in 1970, with value of building permits down, compared to 1969, in all except the Institutional and Government category. The total value of building permits issued during the year amounted to $417.7 million as compared with $494.3 million the previous year. Dwelling starts in the province declined 31% from 1969 and completions were down 2%. However, loan approvals for new and existing housing increased by 65% and 27% respectively, which may offer hope for improvement in the 1971 construction season.

Wholesale trade in December, 1970 registered a 6% increase over December 1969 to raise the cumulative total for the year to a level 1.3% above that of the previous year. Retail trade over the first eleven months of 1970 was 0.5% lower than in the corresponding period of 1969. Advance indication is that December sales were only slightly higher than a year earlier.

The Edmonton - Calgary consumer price index rose 0.2% between December, 1970 and January, 1971 to a level 2.3% above that of a year earlier. All indexes increased over the month with the exception of the housing and the recreation - reading indexes.

ESTIMATED ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	1966 ($'000)	1967 ($'000)	1968 ($'000)	1969 ($'000)	1970 ($'000)	% Change 1970/1969
Wheat	235,604	245,195	230,888	123,150	121,050	-1.7
Oats	9,096	9,881	7,715	7,543	4,952	-34.3
Barley	55,438	68,298	66,106	49,239	67,597	37.3
C. W. B. Net cash advance payments	-1,783	292	12,918	45,708	-29,739	-
Rye	3,805	1,768	1,094	640	1,642	-
Flaxseed	11,176	11,834	4,669	12,484	13,048	4.5
Rapeseed	19,758	20,381	15,739	18,555	35,813	93.0
Sugar Beets	6,155	5,854	7,024	8,731	9,206	5.4
Potatoes	5,798	6,039	5,718	7,802	10,190	30.6
Vegetables	2,532	1,747	2,197	2,219	2,317	4.4
Other Crops	11,926	11,351	14,532	9,417	9,336	-0.9
TOTAL CROPS	359,505	382,640	368,600	285,488	245,412	-14.0
Cattle and Calves	234,665	240,685	258,665	261,902	257,429	-1.7
Hogs	78,780	74,218	78,600	83,504	91,795	9.9
Sheep and Lambs	2,492	2,476	2,607	1,926	1,564	-18.8
Dairy Products	40,008	41,821	43,924	43,334	45,252	4.4
Poultry	19,412	18,974	17,529	19,211	21,476	11.8
Eggs	12,103	11,092	11,808	14,667	14,432	-1.6
Other Livestock and Products	7,900	8,240	7,188	8,120	8,541	5.2
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	395,360	397,506	420,321	432,664	440,489	1.8
Forest Products	173	149	124	100	97	-3.0
Dairy Supplementary Payments	4,670	9,586	10,154	7,911	6,517	-17.6
Deficiency Payments	3,242	3,020	1,782	3,396	1,654	-51.3
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	762,950	792,901	800,981	729,559	694,169	-4.9
Supplementary Payments	5,983	1,898	2,151	2,429	14,493	-
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	768,933	794,799	803,132	731,988	708,662	-3.2

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM ALBERTA COUNTRY ELEVATORS
(thousands of bushels)

	(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969	1970	Percent Change
Wheat (Except Durum)	9,254	7,680	-17.0	80,954	108,460	34.0
Durum Wheat	115	867	-	2,524	3,801	50.6
Oats	369	985	-	6,838	11,945	74.7
Barley	4,367	4,650	6.5	59,181	101,915	72.2
Rye	75	105	40.0	583	1,653	-
Flaxseed	356	554	55.6	3,958	4,998	26.3
Rapeseed	910	1,458	60.2	6,353	13,410	-

LIVESTOCK: NUMBERS SOLD AT PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

	(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969	1970	Percent Change
	no.	no.		no.	no.	
Cattle	35,790	28,817	-19.5	554,646	471,608	-15.0
Calves	11,578	11,308	-2.3	153,742	152,560	-0.8
Sheep and Lambs	2,592	2,523	-2.7	31,614	30,388	-3.9
Hogs	24,225	23,114	40.8	185,853	268,024	98.0

SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

		(Nov.) 1969	(Nov.) 1970	Percent Change	(January - November) 1969	1970	Percent Change
Oil Refinery Production:							
Motor Gasoline	M bbls.	1,666	1,751	5.1	17,134	16,954	-1.1
Diesel Fuel Oil	M bbls.	582	820	40.9	7,306	8,208	12.3
Other	M bbls.	1,204	885	-26.5	12,466	11,969	-4.0
Total	M bbls.	3,452	3,456	0.1	36,887*	37,370*	1.3
		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970		(January - December) 1969	1970	
Flour Mills (5 firms)							
Production	M Centals	528	501	-5.1	5,111	5,111	-
All mill products shipped	$'000	2,988	2,802	-6.2	30,521	30,812	1.0
Creamery Butter							
Production	M Lbs.	1,676	1,689	0.8	29,540	29,324	-0.7
	$'000	1,085	1,093	0.7	19,127	18,987	-0.7
Cheddar Cheese							
Production	M Lbs.	210	232	10.5	2,806	3,357	19.6
	$'000	95	105	10.5	1,263	1,511	19.6
Ice Cream							
Production	M Gals.	380	329	-13.4	5,544	5,662	2.1
	$'000	589	556	-5.6	8,371	8,823	5.4
Carbonated Beverages	$'000	2,060	2,256	9.5	20,090	22,619	12.6
Packing Plants							
Gross Sales	$'000	32,101	34,074	6.1	403,069	438,135	8.7
Production	M Lbs.	53,660	58,746	9.5	694,133	764,485	10.1
	$'000	23,023	23,175	0.7	294,357	322,436	9.5
Exports	M Lbs.	32,700	36,470	11.5	427,936	482,601	12.8
	$'000	14,180	15,746	11.0	189,424	218,181	15.2
Sawmills							
Production: Lumber	M F.B.M.	40,922	60,000	46.6	425,835*	426,000*	-
Railway Ties	No.	16,865	10,971	-35.0	320,761	325,546*	1.5
Sales: Lumber	M F.B.M.	23,449	30,000	27.9	390,656*	384,000	-1.7
	$'000	1,521	1,938	27.4	32,764	24,378	-25.6
Railway Ties	No.	11,029	1,652	-	263,567	325,517*	23.5
	$'000	30	4	-	631	869	37.7
Cement Production	M Tons	54	50	-7.4	890	880	-1.1
	$'000	1,133	1,108	-2.2	18,944	19,731	4.2
Brewed Products	M Gal.	1,852	1,710	-7.7	19,304	19,786	2.5
Value of Manufacturing Shipments:							
All Industries	$'000	148,057	140,346	-5.2	1,801,454*	1,819,875*	1.0
Electricity:							
Net Generated	M KWH	960,292	1,055,830	9.9	8,824,689	9,953,296	12.8

* Revised

FORESTRY, MINING & TRAPPING

		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969	1970	Percent Change
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	103	346	-	1,231	2,864	-
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	354	385	8.8	3,195	3,920	22.7
	$'000	1,721	4,005	-	13,483	26,710	98.1
Salt Production	M Tons	14	6	-57.1	152	89	-41.4
Lime Production	M Tons	6	7	16.7	84	88*	4.8
	$'000	98	128	30.6	1,431	1,784*	24.7
		(Nov.) 1969	(Nov.) 1970		(January-November) 1969	1970	
Crude Oil, Synthetic Crude, Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	29,322	34,653	18.2	294,482	340,438	15.6
Value to producer	$'000	75,344	89,114	18.3	756,582	882,852	16.7
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	13,421	16,138	20.2	139,710	156,187	11.8
Sales in United States	M Barrels	14,945	18,323	22.6	151,484	184,900	22.1
Natural Gas							
Production	M. M. C. F.	155,720	177,475	14.0	1,504,769	1,742,542	15.8
Sales in Canada	M. M. C. F.	67,126	72,546	8.1	638,722	738,278	15.6
Sales in United States	M. M. C. F.	53,389	62,136	16.4	501,832	586,619	16.9
Value of Sales	$'000	19,260	22,075	14.6	179,357	221,871	23.7
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,484	1,887	27.2	14,980	18,096	20.8
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	963	916	-4.9	8,170	7,388	-9.6
Sales in United States	M Barrels	498	1,023	-	3,533	6,478	83.4
Offshore Sales	M Barrels	255	261	2.4	2,863	2,899	1.3
Value of Sales	$'000	1,716	2,646	54.2	18,957	23,551	24.2
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,059	1,232	16.3	9,323	11,266	20.8
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	240	309	28.8	2,723	3,389	24.5
Sales in United States	M Barrels	919	1,201	30.7	6,129	7,510	22.5
Value of Sales	$'000	1,441	1,564	8.5	11,662	13,291	14.0
Synthetic Crude Oil							
Production	M Barrels	1,186	918	-22.6	9,456	11,148	17.9
Value to Producer	$'000	3,260	2,525	-22.5	26,004	30,658	17.9
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	337	376	11.6	3,317	3,794	14.4
Sales in Canada	M Long Tons	41	55	34.1	448	498	11.2
Sales in United States	M Long Tons	77	73	-5.2	823	879	6.8
Offshore Sales	M Long Tons	133	195	46.6	1,025	1,433	39.8
Value of Sales	$'000	3,665	2,421	-33.9	55,414	25,515	-54.0
Pulpwood Production	M Cunits	26,785	19,021	-29.0	287,464	267,410	-7.0
	$'000	551	392	-28.9	5,918	5,506	-7.0
		(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971		(January-December) 1969	1970	
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No. M	111	57	-48.7	646	499	-22.8
	$'000	269	171	-36.4	1,996	1,910	-4.3

VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and Government	Total Value (Dec.) 1969	Total Value (Dec.) 1970	Cumulative (Jan.-Dec.) 1969	Cumulative (Jan.-Dec.) 1970
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
CENSUS DIVISION 1	6	-	290	-	260	296	6,059	6,682
Medicine Hat	6	-	290	-	256	296	5,385	6,101
CENSUS DIVISION 2	990	1	80	49	1,499	1,119	22,321	31,934
Lethbridge	816	1	80	-	1,400	896	17,684	27,633
CENSUS DIVISION 3	86	-	27	-	156	113	3,705	1,950
CENSUS DIVISION 4	-	-	-	-	21	-	410	1,396
CENSUS DIVISION 5	11	-	-	-	23	11	2,851	1,502
Drumheller	-	-	-	-	7	-	2,160	474
CENSUS DIVISION 6	4,461	-	5,419	633	9,816	10,512	183,559	178,380
Calgary	4,407	-	5,404	632	8,637	10,444	172,372	173,432
CENSUS DIVISION 7	9	-	162	-	1,329	171	4,815	3,943
CENSUS DIVISION 8	365	-	111	-	402	476	11,249	9,820
Red Deer	362	-	89	-	260	452	7,242	6,508
CENSUS DIVISION 9	59	-	48	-	34	107	2,237	2,940
CENSUS DIVISION 10	46	-	165	-	211	211	7,878	4,093
Camrose	17	-	-	-	73	17	1,541	996
Lloydminster	4	-	160	-	21	164	2,361	1,707
CENSUS DIVISION 11	4,508	362	760	4,181	23,902	9,811	211,657	149,444
Edmonton	2,920	362	420	4,116	22,013	7,817	170,094	108,675
Wetaskiwin	80	-	-	-	3	80	2,111	774
CENSUS DIVISION 12	3	-	27	10	46	39	7,189	5,065
CENSUS DIVISION 13	105	-	60	-	49	165	3,352	2,832
CENSUS DIVISION 14	536	-	134	-	457	671	4,856	4,271
CENSUS DIVISION 15	445	-	37	-	1,018	482	22,150	13,486
Grande Prairie	28	-	-	-	215	28	3,719	4,008
TOTAL - December	11,628	364	7,319	4,872	39,222	24,183		
Jan.-Dec. 1970	224,358	11,475	78,045	103,862				417,739
Jan.-Dec. 1969	251,922	17,646	125,774	98,946			494,288	
January 1971 Preliminary	14,860							

HOUSING STATISTICS

		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969	(January-December) 1970	Percent Change
Alberta:							
Dwelling Starts	No.	1,508	1,894	25.6	20,521	14,093	-31.3
Completions	No.	1,909	1,006	-47.3	17,356	17,002	-2.0
Loan Approvals							
New Housing	No.	794	1,599	-	8,439	13,941	65.2
Existing Housing	No.	168	82	-51.2	648	821	26.7
Dwelling Starts							
Calgary	No.	904	889	-1.7	9,737	6,740	-30.9
Edmonton	No.	529	828	56.5	9,807	6,330	-35.5
Completions							
Calgary	No.	787	538	-31.6	7,775	9,001	15.8
Edmonton	No.	990	359	-63.7	8,601	7,129	-17.1
Under Construction							
Calgary	No.	6,717	4,079	-39.3	-	-	-
Edmonton	No.	5,789	5,087	-12.1	-	-	-

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - TRENDS

WHOLESALE TRADE	(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969	1970	Percent Change
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
BY TYPES:						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	916	950	3.7	10,551	11,365	7.7
Auto Supplies and Equipment	4,164	5,124	23.0	172,643	156,815	-9.2
Chemicals, Drugs & Allied Products	3,411	3,573	4.7	50,467	54,698	8.4
Dry Goods, and Apparel	892	967	8.4	16,333	16,733	2.4
Electrical Goods (Household & Industrial)	8,184	8,575	4.8	129,067	125,475	-2.8
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	293	324	10.6	2,598	3,338	28.5
Farm Supplies	205	172	-16.1	4,240	4,499	6.1
Tobacco	5,031	5,203	3.4	48,220	50,359	4.4
Furniture and House Furnishings	4,449	4,233	-4.9	42,377	42,955	1.4
Groceries and Meats	26,475	33,075	24.9	402,345	446,327	10.9
Hardware	2,260	2,351	4.0	32,678	33,661	3.0
Building Materials (Excluding Lumber)	3,076	2,276	-26.0	49,989	47,339	-5.3
Lumber and Millwork	4,281	2,824	-34.0	65,789	56,284	-14.4
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Commercial and Construction)	2,797	2,796	-	29,708	25,248	-15.0
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	1,236	1,440	16.5	59,240	42,501	-28.3
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Industrial)	3,047	3,278	7.6	56,207	55,888	-0.6
Professional Service, Transportation Equipment and Supplies	2,826	2,497	-11.6	35,242	37,845	7.4
Metals and Metal Work	3,044	2,500	-17.9	43,873	47,027	7.2
Paper and Paper Products	1,773	1,818	2.6	21,416	22,972	7.3
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	18,571	19,753	6.4	244,772	256,019	4.6
Plumbing and Heating Equipment & Supp.	5,397	5,093	-5.6	66,396	65,219	-1.8
Miscellaneous	1,302	1,179	-9.5	19,939	21,600	8.3
TOTAL	103,629*	110,000*	6.1	1,604,090	1,624,167	1.3
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	39,625	41,931	5.8	630,363	624,403	-0.9
Edmonton	39,237	41,349	5.4	591,014	610,682	3.3
Lethbridge	2,763	2,783	0.7	39,227	41,087	4.7
Medicine Hat	765	762	-0.4	13,985	14,002	0.1
Red Deer	760	930	22.4	18,346	18,652	1.7
Smaller Centres	1,466	1,876	27.9	36,250	39,799	9.8
No Area Breakdown	19,013	20,370	7.1	274,905	275,542	0.2
TOTAL	103,629	110,000*	6.1	1,604,090	1,624,167	1.3

RETAIL TRADE:	(Nov.) 1969	(Nov.) 1970		(January-November) 1969	1970	
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
Grocery and Combination Stores	37,789	38,650	2.3	281,411	404,106	6.0
All Other Food Stores	2,339	2,380	1.8	33,790	35,869	6.2
Department Stores	30,638	31,513	2.9	263,917	274,342	4.0
General Merchandise Stores	8,203	8,322	1.5	65,648	64,139	-2.3
General Stores	6,323	6,326	-	74,306	77,390	4.2
Variety Stores	2,805	2,575	-8.2	25,505	25,378	-0.5
Motor Vehicle Dealers	36,525	25,860	-29.2	427,292	352,944	-17.4
Service Stations and Garages	17,260	18,443	6.9	202,611	203,928	0.7
Men's Clothing Stores	2,332	2,583	10.8	21,896	23,002	5.1
Women's Clothing Stores	3,239	3,168	-2.2	31,027	30,841	-0.6
Family Clothing Stores	2,644	2,246	-15.1	23,939	23,485	-1.9
Shoe Stores	1,610	1,730	7.5	17,761	18,197	2.5
Hardware Stores	3,059	2,933	-4.1	32,255	33,401	3.6
Furniture, T.V., Radio and Appliance Stores	5,115	6,381	24.8	42,030	43,228	2.9
Fuel Dealers	2,144	3,001	40.0	17,934	17,665	-1.5
Drug Stores	4,389	4,572	4.2	54,888	56,618	3.2
Jewellery Stores	1,320	1,230	-6.8	11,980	11,921	-0.5
All Other Stores	30,170	33,022	9.5	276,214	296,793	7.5
TOTAL	197,904	194,935	-1.5	2,004,404	1,993,247	-0.5
Preliminary (December)	239,416	240,973	0.7			

(1) The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

(8) Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

GENERAL STATISTICS

		(Oct.) 1969	(Oct.) 1970	Percent Change	(January - October) 1969	1970	Percent Change
Foreign Visitors Entering Through Customs Ports in Alberta							
U.S. Visitors	No.	18,793	22,994	22.4	402,824	424,935	5.5
Other Visitors	No.	n.a.	660	-	n.a.	15,697	-
		(Nov.) 1969	(Nov.) 1970		(January-November) 1969	1970	
Labour Income	$'000	255,700	276,900	8.3	2,659,400*	2,950,500*	10.9
Unemployment Insurance							
Benefit Weeks	No.	30,274	59,910	97.9	589,195	842,177	42.9
Benefit Payments	$'000	976	2,106	-	18,625	29,907	60.6
Bank Debits							
Calgary	M $'000	2,316	2,226	-3.9	23,053	26,406	14.5
Edmonton	M $'000	1,733	1,799	3.8	18,485	19,268	4.2
Lethbridge	M $'000	121	123	1.7	1,096	1,118	2.0
Medicine Hat	M $'000	54	50	-7.4	442	432	-2.3
TOTAL	M $'000	4,224	4,198	-0.6	43,076	47,224	9.6
Financing of Motor Vehicles:							
Passenger Cars	No.	2,360	1,502	-36.4	28,986	21,573	-25.6
	$'000	5,829	3,228	-44.6	71,303	49,938	-30.0
Commercial Vehicles	No.	1,006	949	-5.7	11,103	11,169	0.6
	$'000	4,417	4,572	3.5	44,209	48,051	8.7
		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970		(January-December) 1969	1970	
Social Allowance Payments	$'000	3,938	5,068	28.7	46,778	57,081	22.0
Restaurant Receipts	$'000	7,761	7,583	-2.3	100,154	102,901	2.8
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant							
Calgary International	No.	5,661	5,398	-4.6	70,060	73,457*	4.8
Edmonton Industrial	No.	5,242	4,893	-6.7	86,388	81,416*	-5.8
Edmonton International	No.	1,965	1,949	-0.8	23,538	26,728*	13.6
Lethbridge International	No.	1,108	911	-17.8	17,452	15,276*	-12.5
Foreign Vehicles Entering Through Alberta Border Points	No.	5,080	5,598	10.2	122,988	136,472	11.0
Vital Statistics:							
Marriages	No.	1,158	986	-14.9	14,936	15,479	3.6
Births	No.	2,392	2,306	-3.6	30,870	31,944	3.5
Deaths	No.	763	809	6.0	10,183	10,101	-0.8
Natural Increase	No.	1,629	1,497	- 8.1	20,687	21,843	5.6
Life Insurance	$'000	68,575	71,604	4.4	697,529	756,425	8.4
		(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971		(January-December) 1969	1970	
Visitors to National Parks							
Banff	No.	88,285	86,030	-2.6	2,239,016	2,297,275	2.6
Elk Island	No.	5,089	2,956	-41.9	302,833	304,984	0.7
Jasper	No.	20,566	20,986	2.0	1,056,997	1,285,298	21.6
Waterton Lakes	No.	-	-	-	472,850	520,321	10.0
TOTAL	No.	113,940	109,972	3.5	4,071,696	4,407,878	8.3

* Revised

POPULATION
(thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	January 1 1969	January 1 1970	January 1 1971
1,463	1,490	1,526	1,561	1,600	1,547	1,584	1,624

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		(Nov.) 1969	(Nov.) 1970	Percent Change	(January-November) 1969	1970	Percent Change
Steel Bars and Shapes, etc. (some comparable items)	Tons	3,744	4,072	8.8	49,416	42,701	-13.6
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons	115,275	126,893	10.1	996,705	1,050,147	5.4
Stock and Poultry Secondary Feed	Tons	9,667	10,392	7.5	111,929	122,847	9.8
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons	1,044	1,556	49.0	10,685	13,152	23.1
Stoves: Gas	No.	871	514	-41.0	9,120	6,647	-27.1
Electric	No.	2,584	1,820	-29.6	22,661	23,232	2.5
Plywood	M Sq. ft.	18,581	16,085	-13.4	194,685	185,009	5.0
T. V. Sets	No.	5,442	4,924	-9.5	44,826	40,099	-10.5
Radio Phonographs	No.	1,612	1,322	-18.0	12,391	9,677	-21.9
Record Players	No.	2,769	1,914	-30.9	13,083	10,045	-23.2
Farm Implements	$'000	1,966	1,822	-7.3	80,302	64,734	-19.4
		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970		(January-December) 1969	1970	
Asphalt Roofing: Asphalt shingles, 210 lbs. & over	Roof sqs.	27,721	11,986	-56.8	492,843	463,196	-6.0
Asphalt shingles, less than 210 lbs.	Roof sqs.	163	-	-	3,283	1,289	-60.7
Rag & Asbestos Felt Roll Roofing (general)	Roof sqs.	n. a.	415	-	n. a.	33,052	-
coated BUR	Roof sqs.	n. a.	763	-	n. a.	16,563	-
Mineral Surface Rag & Asbestos, Felt Roll Roofing & Siding	Roof sqs.	2,607	785	-69.9	58,220	60,600	4.1
Tar and Asphalt Felts	Tons	764	308	-59.7	7,043	5,243	-25.6
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (Kraft base)	Tons	84	28	-66.7	988	825	-16.5
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (non-Kraft base)	Tons	9	2	-77.8	123	135	9.8
Roofing Pitch	Tons	1	-	-	127	102	-19.7
Roofing Asphalt	Tons	1,928	818	-57.6	16,760	13,479	-19.6
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq. ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		362	348	-3.9	4,876	4,226	-13.3
Asphalt Sheathing Board		628	424	-32.5	7,648	7,362	-3.7
Roof Insulation Board		4,167	1,260	-69.8	28,428	21,089	-25.8
Acoustical Tile		141	182	29.1	1,654	1,388	-16.1
Other Decorative Board		430	773	79.8	5,322	6,027	13.2
Other Board		. 87	8	-0.8	886	913	3.0
Total		5,815	2,996	-48.5	48,814	41,006	-16.0
Washing Machines- Automatic	No.	1,604	1,615	0.7	20,967	18,572	-11.4
Conventional	No.	583	478	-18.0	10,484	8,957	-14.6
Clothes Dryers Electric	No.	1,083	2,283	-	15,622	15,140	-3.1
Gas	No.	529	869	64.3	5,831	5,223	-10.4
Mechanical Refrigerators	No.	3,494	2,283	-34.7	38,133	35,596	-6.7
Home and Farm Freezers	No.	550	869	58.0	13,907	12,905	-7.2
New Motor Vehicles:	No.	5,883	4,176	-29.0	83,851	66,294	-20.9
	$'000	22,219	15,770	-29.0	355,087	280,494	-21.0
Margarine	M lbs.	1,252	1,523	21.6	16,041	17,063	6.4
	$'000	349	441	26.4	4,341	4,948	14.0

* Revised

LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA
(in thousands)

		Population 14 Years of Age and Over			Labour Force					Partici-pation Rate	Unemploy-ment Rate
		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Employed	Unemployed		
January	1969	1,031	523	508	605	409	196	583	22	58.7%	3.6%
January	1970	1,064	539	525	617	415	202	591	26	58.0%	4.2%
December	1970	1,096	555	541	629	424	205	594	36	57.4%	5.7%
January	1971	1,100	557	543	628	426	202	587	41	57.1%	6.5%

ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY

	Sept. 1968 ('000)		Sept. 1969 ('000)		August 1970 ('000)		Sept. 1970* ('000)	
Forestry	2.1		2.0		1.9		1.8	
Mines, quarries & oil wells	20.4		22.0		24.8		24.8	
Manufacturing	50.4		55.4		55.6		54.1	
Non-Durables		26.8		28.2		28.7		28.3
Durables		23.6		27.2		26.9		25.8
Construction	39.5		43.2		42.8		42.0	
Building		12.9		12.8		11.1		10.7
Special Trade Contractors		16.4		18.6		18.0		17.8
Highways, bridges, street & other		10.2		11.7		13.7		13.5
Transportation, communication and other utilities	50.9		54.7		55.6		54.8	
Transportation		30.1		32.6		32.7		32.1
Communication & other utilities		20.8		22.1		22.9		22.7
Trade	80.7		87.8		86.3		86.0	
Wholesale		28.0		30.1		31.0		30.0
Retail		52.8		57.7		55.2		55.9
Finance, insurance & real estate	17.8		19.2		19.8		19.8	
Community, business and personal services	141.5		153.5		155.1		158.2	
Non-commercial sector		88.2		91.3		92.5		96.7
Commercial sector		53.2		62.1		62.6		61.5
Public Administration & defence	33.1		34.1		37.7		37.2	
Grand Total	436.5		472.0		479.7		478.7	

*Preliminary

AVERAGE HOURS & AVERAGE EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE EARNERS

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported	
	Oct. 1969 No.	Oct. 1970 No.	Oct. 1969 $	Oct. 1970 $	Oct. 1969 $	Oct. 1970 $	Oct., 1970 No.	
EDMONTON:								
Manufacturing	40.0	39.5	2.96	3.23	118.45	127.50	12,383	
Construction	37.8	37.2	3.91	4.67	148.07	173.88	7,467	
CALGARY:								
Manufacturing	39.9	38.8	3.14	3.41	125.54	132.37	8,895	
Construction	37.5	38.9	3.96	4.77	148.29	185.69	5,668	
ALBERTA:								
Mining, Including Milling	39.8	40.7	3.65	4.05	145.29	164.92	7,714	
Service Incidental to Mining	38.5	40.6	3.63	3.85	139.89	156.19		3,584
Manufacturing	39.8	39.1	3.00	3.25	119.30	127.24	29,481	
Durable Goods	40.2	39.0	3.05	3.33	122.60	129.64		14,180
Non-durable Goods	39.4	39.3	2.94	3.18	115.74	125.00		15,301
Foods and Beverages	38.9	39.4	2.92	3.11	113.77	122.69		8,508
Construction	39.6	41.1	3.74	4.54	148.01	186.92	22,203	
Building	36.8	36.1	3.94	4.63	144.65	166.92		11,931
Engineering	44.9	47.0	3.43	4.47	154.20	210.15		10,272
Other Industries								
Hotels and Restaurants	31.8	30.5	1.74	1.94	55.34	59.29	11,875	

*Preliminary 1970; Final 1969

EMPLOYMENT INDEXES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	Employment Index Number (1961=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries			Employees Reported
	Last Pay Period Of			Last Pay Period Of			
	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1970	Oct. 1970	Oct. 1969 $	Sept. 1970 $	Oct. 1970 $	October 1970 No.
EDMONTON:							
Manufacturing	127.8	126.0	124.2	127.78	138.37	137.94	18,538
Durable Goods	149.4	138.6	136.2	134.46	146.08	147.31	7,437
Non-Durable Goods	115.2	118.7	117.3	122.77	133.17	131.67	11,101
Construction	171.8	151.2	148.2	150.88	176.93	175.54	9,432
Transportation, Communications and Other Utilities	154.8	166.0	162.7	138.22	148.71	148.68	14,634
Trade	137.9	130.4	132.4	93.86	104.14	103.55	23,034
Wholesale	132.7	129.9	129.5	121.77	129.18	129.57	8,142
Retail	140.8	130.7	134.0	79.14	90.06	89.33	14,892
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154.8	160.0	157.7	109.75	113.60	117.11	5,400
Service	205.0	200.2	197.8	75.40	84.45	84.36	13,775
Industrial Composite	150.4	147.0	145.8	114.26	126.11	125.68	86,386
CALGARY:							
Manufacturing	128.8	124.9	125.0	132.47	142.00	143.24	14,447
Durable Goods	166.2	146.4	147.8	134.91	143.51	145.81	6,712
Non-Durable Goods	104.6	111.0	110.3	129.96	140.72	141.01	7,735
Construction	187.6	171.2	163.7	154.63	177.10	183.95	7,166
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	124.1	129.5	128.1	132.18	143.96	145.38	10,897
Trade	138.3	132.3	134.4	102.17	109.73	108.18	18,915
Wholesale	127.2	124.8	124.6	129.14	135.71	137.25	7,340
Retail	146.2	137.6	141.4	85.43	92.78	89.75	11,575
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	163.9	164.8	167.9	109.79	116.36	116.44	5,922
Service	219.4	214.3	214.7	80.23	88.83	85.81	14,381
Industrial Composite	151.9	148.6	148.4	120.03	130.68	130.47	77,909
LETHBRIDGE: Industrial Composite	128.4	128.2	126.6	96.21	106.84	108.22	5,438
MEDICINE HAT: Industrial Composite	109.6	98.5	98.7	107.51	112.23	112.56	2,864
RED DEER: Industrial Composite	171.2	161.8	163.6	100.43	112.56	112.52	2,693
ALBERTA:							
Mining, Including Milling	127.9	138.0	134.8	173.76	187.09	188.64	20,928
Petroleum and Gas Wells	148.6	159.8	156.1	189.07	199.03	202.26	13,511
Services Incidental to Mining	107.2	105.7	101.2	149.31	170.76	167.65	5,394
Manufacturing	130.1	128.5	128.2	127.62	137.03	137.78	45,263
Foods and Beverages	102.2	110.0	111.5	119.31	129.69	128.65	12.925
Meat Processing	106.7	118.0	114.7	135.03	146.27	143.06	4,661
Wood Products	126.3	134.4	133.6	102.68	109.34	109.34	4,183
Printing, Publishing & Allied Industries	125.5	133.0	132.5	120.42	132.23	135.68	2,404
Metal Fabricating Industries	164.7	150.4	148.6	141.59	149.20	149.34	4,621
Transportation Equipment	167.7	132.1	134.7	121.67	131.48	130.81	2,643
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	122.6	106.4	99.9	143.95	154.45	159.15	2,967
Chemicals and Chemical Products	135.2	122.7	124.8	155.38	171.35	173.94	2,468
Construction	158.5	160.7	156.2	151.46	185.21	185.58	27,136
Building	170.5	145.2	143.1	147.57	167.57	168.20	14,921
Engineering	140.4	184.1	175.9	158.54	206.10	206.82	12,215
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	121.8	127.3	124.0	134.17	143.25	145.44	47,056
Transportation	111.2	115.7	110.9	137.16	144.26	147.82	24,925
Communication	146.3	156.1	154.2	126.17	137.76	139.76	13,084
Electric Power, Gas and Water	131.2	134.1	133.9	148.81	161.23	160.35	6,765
Trade	137.6	132.0	133.5	96.65	105.23	104.64	52,931
Wholesale	128.3	124.9	124.5	122.05	128.99	130.00	19,747
Retail	143.7	136.8	139.4	81.74	90.76	89.55	33,184
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	151.3	152.3	152.9	109.26	114.02	115.00	16,077
Service	202.9	199.9	196.0	78.54	86.46	85.70	34,180
Personal Services	186.4	192.9	186.4	63.61	66.43	67.82	17,473
Hotels and Restaurants	199.1	209.5	201.7	61.99	64.19	66.25	15,163
Industrial Composite	140.7	141.3	139.6	120.07	132.54	132.90	244,810
Industrial Composite November, *1970	137.5			131.79			

* Preliminary

MEMORANDA

Registrations of electric meters in Alberta totalled 499,153 as at December 31, 1969. Natural Gas meter registrations numbered 311,040. The comparative figures for 1968 are 480,875 and 295,695 respectively.

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There were 55,527 motor vehicle accidents in Alberta in 1969, up from 46,616 in 1968. A total of 468 persons were killed and 11,405 were injured during the year. Property damage amounted to $29.6 million. Alberta had the second highest accident ratio per million vehicle miles among the provinces and territories.

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The 1968 allocation to Alberta of taxable income of corporations amounted to $460,000,000 or 7.8% of the total corporate taxable income in Canada. Allocation by industry group is as follows: Agriculture, forestry and fishing - $7.0 million; Mining - $49.1 million; Manufacturing - $113.3 million; Construction - $40.6 million; Transportation, communications, and other utilities - $64.5 million; Wholesale trade - $53.3 million, Retail trade - $49.3 million; Finance - $54.1 million; Services - $28.6 million.

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Of the 159.2 million acres of land in Alberta, 100.9 million acres or 63.4% is classified as forest land. Productive forest lands cover 74.6 million acres, of which 67.3 million acres are provincial crown lands, 5.2 million acres are federal crown lands and 2.1 million acres are privately owned lands. The area of water in the province is 4.2 million acres.

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Provincial revenues from motor vehicle registrations, motive fuel taxes and other related revenues for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1971 totalled $104.3 million. Motor vehicle and operators licences and fees contributed $22.6 million; motive fuel taxes accounted for $78.7 million, and fines for infractions of motor vehicle acts amounted to $1.3 million. The average government revenue per registered vehicle in 1969 was $142 as compared to $131 per vehicle in 1968.

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Gross sales of gasoline for motive purposes in Alberta amounted to 551.7 million gallons in 1969. The increase over 1968 was approximately 28 million gallons.

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ESTIMATED POPULATION BY SINGLE YEARS OF AGE - ALBERTA, 1970
-in thousands-

Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number
0	31.1	15	33.2	30	20.0	45	18.4	60	11.2	75	5.0
1	30.3	16	32.0	31	19.8	46	18.0	61	10.6	76	4.7
2	30.3	17	30.9	32	19.6	47	17.5	62	10.3	77	4.4
3	31.0	18	29.8	33	19.5	48	17.0	63	9.9	78	4.1
4	31.0	19	28.9	34	19.5	49	16.5	64	9.5	79	3.8
0-4	153.7	15-19	154.8	30-34	98.4	45-49	87.4	60-65	51.5	75-79	22.0
5	34.0	20	28.0	35	19.6	50	16.0	65	9.1	80	3.5
6	37.4	21	27.1	36	19.6	51	15.5	66	8.7	81	3.2
7	38.2	22	26.1	37	19.8	52	15.0	67	8.3	82	2.8
8	37.9	23	25.2	38	19.7	53	14.6	68	7.8	83	2.5
9	37.5	24	24.2	39	19.8	54	14.1	69	7.2	84	2.2
5-9	185.0	20-24	130.6	35-39	98.5	50-54	75.2	65-69	41.1	80-84	14.2
10	37.4	25	23.2	40	19.8	55	13.7	70	6.7	85	1.9
11	37.0	26	22.2	41	19.6	56	13.4	71	6.4	86	1.5
12	36.2	27	21.3	42	19.4	57	12.8	72	6.0	87	1.3
13	35.4	28	20.9	43	19.0	58	12.2	73	5.7	88	1.0
14	34.3	29	20.5	44	18.7	59	11.6	74	5.4	89	0.8
10-14	180.3	25-29	108.1	40-44	96.5	55-59	63.7	70-75	30.2	85-90	6.5
										90+	2.3
										TOTAL	1,600.00

A recent survey conducted by the Economic Research Branch of the Department of Industry and Tourism, concludes in "Executive Report - 1971" that:

> "The outlook for 1971 is for recovery and growth more in line with economic growth potentials."

Approximately 73 per cent of the surveyed group of almost 300 Alberta business executives forecast increases in sales revenue; 56 per cent expect increases in prices; and 59 per cent anticipate profit gains. Capital spending and employment are not expected to register significant change.

GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND COMPONENT ITEMS
FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961=100)

		General CPI	Food	Housing	Clothing	Trans-portation	Health Personal Care	Recreation Reading	Tobacco Alcohol
January	1969	119.1	122.9	113.2	123.6	115.8	113.7	123.9	114.3
January	1970	123.5	127.2	117.5	124.8	119.1	139.8	129.5	124.3
December	1970	126.2	130.2	119.3	127.7	122.4	145.3	135.6	124.1
January	1971	126.4	130.3	119.3	127.8	122.9	145.4	135.6	125.0

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Symbols

N/A	-	figures not available
M	-	thousands
M M C F	-	millions of cubic feet
F. B. M.	-	foot board measure
Sqs.	-	squares

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